

Periscoping the Nation

That French Touch
Playing Monopoly
Blood Bath in Angola
Burmah to U.N.?

Ahead of the News

CENSUS BUREAU — The Federal Government soon will begin publishing a series of economic reports which it believes will show beyond doubt that the Eisenhower Administration, despite its denials, knew as early as last May that the U.S. was entering a full-fledged recession. The data, compiled here for the Council of Economic Advisers, has been kept confidential.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. — Expect a spectacular 9,000-mile Titan ICBM shot soon. Note: Titan can pack a far greater nuclear blast than Atlas.

PENTAGON — U.S. European Command Headquarters in Paris may be closed down in the wake of that flap over the \$200,000 officers' club there (see page 33). Officials here long have considered the command unnecessary, and they predict that Kennedy's advisers soon will recommend that the President shut it and transfer its functions to Gen. Lauris Norstad's U.S. staff at SHAPE.

The Inside Story

WHITE HOUSE — Man behind the plan to increase U.S. guerrilla warfare capabilities (see page 33): Walt Rostow, the former MIT economics professor who is now Kennedy's special adviser on national security affairs. To brief the President on the finer points of this kind of fighting, Rostow gave him two books by one of the world's recognized authorities on the subject—Red China boss Mao Tse-tung.

EXECUTIVE WING — Don't keep your golf secret any more. That's what Kennedy's closest advisers are telling him now. Reason: Reporters complained last Saturday when the President "disappeared" for three hours. Officials here gave no explanation, but in fact JFK was at Burning Tree for his second golf game of the week.

WHITE HOUSE — Among Mrs. Kennedy's "problems" is redecorating her new home, and now she quietly has enlisted a new hand to help her. A well-known French designer, Stephane

Boudin, has been signed up to complement the efforts of Mrs. Henry Parrish II who'll continue to handle the major share of White House refurbishing. Boudin is a member of a Parisian firm, Jansen, Inc., located a few doors away from Maxim's on the Rue Royale.

Behind the News

EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING — Now it can be told: JFK's personal choice as head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, recently confirmed as ambassador to France. Gavin wanted the job, but Kennedy previously had asked Vice President Johnson to find a man for the post. When Johnson chose James Webb, the President went along with him.

CABINET ROOM — At a recent meeting one Cabinet member suggested it might be a good idea if each official sent a weekly progress report to President Kennedy. Fine, said the President, but let's make it two a week. And that's just what's being done.

WHITE HOUSE — Like Ike's, JFK's national security advisers are disturbed by the amount of intelligence data publicly offered to the Russians. Latest example is a business-promotion map of Wichita, Kans., which shows the sites of eighteen proposed bases for Titan-II ICBM's.

MIAMI BEACH, FLA. — Electrical Workers president James B. Carey has just sent a gift to the seven electrical company executives now jailed in Norristown, Pa., for monopolistic price-fixing. The gift? The game Monopoly.

Where Are They Now?

NEW YORK CITY — Carmel Myers, raven-haired, sloe-eyed vamp of the silent screen whose panting love scenes with such leading men as Rudolph Valentino, John Barrymore, and Ramon Novarro led F. Scott Fitzgerald to name